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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity" -- Current Psychological Attack Against East German Communists

REFERENCE : 1. Memorandum from Deputy Director (Plans) to Chief, Eastern Europe Division/OPC, dated 21 December 1951, (XK2-4256), same Subject.
2. Memorandum from Chief, Eastern Europe Division to Deputy Director (Plans), dated 15 February 1952, (XK2-6146), same Subject.

1. In reply to your request for further information on the activities of other OPC sponsored projects in support of the propaganda line warning East German officials that their Communist undertakings are not going unnoticed, I am submitting herewith a brief review of some of the more outstanding efforts in this direction.

2. [redacted], which is designed to utilize the propaganda potential of the SPD throughout Germany, has produced several items for dissemination in the East Zone containing the theme of "future revenge":

a. A small, black, mimeographed leaflet was issued attacking four union officials who signed a collective contract recently. It reprimands the officials for signing without consulting the workers and warns them to reconsider before it is too late.

b. In a mimeographed leaflet signed by the SPD Ostburo, the residents of Cottbus in East Germany are warned of six local functionaries whose identities and past Communist activities are exposed. Residents are warned to remember these men as they will be remembered in the West.

c. An "Open Letter to Otto Grutschel" by a defected former Soviet Zone resident, accused the judges who sentenced several Dresden youths to a total of 130 years in prison for alleged illegal acts and warns that they will some day be held accountable for misjudgment.

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d. A mimeographed leaflet signed by the Action Group of the Free German Youth (an SPD splinter group of the East German FDJ) accused three members of the FDJ of being informers and denouncing other FDJ members who crossed into the Western Sector during last

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summer's World Youth Festival in Berlin. The leaflet asserts that the names of these informers and others like them are known and that the day will come when they must face their fellow countrymen for these treasonous acts.

e. Another leaflet, entitled "How Long Will You Stand For These Wolves in Sheep's Clothing?", names one collaborator in Hennigsdorffhausen and urges residents of that city to remember him for his misdeeds.

As can be seen by these examples, the main emphasis has been on warnings, with the implication that West Germans are watching and will remember. All of these leaflets were distributed in Eastern Germany.

3. Project TPAMMER, designed to utilize the resources of the League of Free Jurists of the Soviet Zone, has also plagued this theme. It is the chief line of attack in the pamphlets and radio broadcasts sponsored by the League. The accusations are distributed as black lists and formal legal indictments which cite the acts of individuals in a wide range of categories and inform them that their names are now inscribed in the Western register of Communist criminals. This activity, combined with that of DTLINEH (see below), has caused many petty officials to attempt to clear their names by reporting to these organizations everything they are "forced" to do before they do it. Thus, a valuable source of intelligence is obtained. Hundreds of Communist informants now clear all their reports with the League before submitting them to the MVD and SED.

b. The [] Autowhile Groups have sharpened the focus of these attacks by directing threats to specific persons in purely local situations in Eastern Germany. These warnings are often coupled with "nervy war" actions against a single target, such as anonymous letters and telephone calls. A hangman's noose and death sentence were mailed to a Communist judge with the admonition that the actual judgment was to be carried out in the future in retribution for needless sentencing of East Germans to Siberian exile.

5. Project [] the editorial team of the Frankfurt sub-station, constantly uses this warning theme in the various pamphlets, newspapers, and other media under its control.

6. Under Project [] the SPD sponsored counter-campaign to the recent Oder-Spree unification proposal, the SPD informed East Germans who had written to members of the Bundestag advocating reunification on Communist terms, that the SPD has noted the senders name and address and warns these

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writers that this list will be used in the future.

7. One of the most effective media used in this campaign has been the stickers produced by project LCPAGAN. One sticker, produced late in 1951, shows the face of a clock with the hands at 11:55 -- only 5 minutes to go. Over the face of the sticker is the single word, "Funktionalität", warning minor officials that the day will come when they will be punished for their present activities unless they purge themselves with acts not just words. LCPAGAN, like BTLINEH, has also produced extensive issues of the "F for Freedom," stickers.

8. Project BTLINEH, which is designed to make use of the resistance potential of the Fighting Group Against Inhumanity, has played upon this theme consistently.

a. The so-called "1000-times" stamp, with the letter F for Freedom, has been used throughout Eastern Germany. It has been especially useful in stamping Soviet Zone currency, thus creating the impression that the eyes of the West are everywhere and that East Germans had better look to the future and be careful in their present activities.

b. BTLINEH has also produced several poison-pen campaigns directed specifically against Communist functionaries in the Soviet Zone. These letters have been remarkable in their effect. It has been documented that, in cases where these letters have been received by minor officials, the fear of future retribution has been so great that an immediate and pronounced slow-down in their performance of official duties has been noted. In order to escape future retribution, many of these officials have gone so far as to offer their services to resistance organizations like BTLINEH and TPINERH. This has enabled these organizations to warn East Germans of impending Communist action against them, which, in turn, has created the impression throughout the Soviet Zone that there is in existence a large and smoothly functioning resistance movement.

c. A large part of the leaflet campaign carried on by BTLINEH in Eastern Germany has followed the general line of warning residents not to cooperate with the Soviet regime and warning them that any who do are to be regarded as traitors to the fatherland. The recent pronouncement by the Federal Republic's Minister for Marshall Plan Affairs that East Germans guilty of "crimes" against the Soviet Zone government would not be treated as traitors or criminals once an all-German government is established, has lent support to this campaign.

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9. The examples cited indicate that the line described in paragraph 1 above is receiving thorough attention from the OPC German Mission and I have instructed the field to continue with this effort.

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